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**Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on September 8, 2004, the period of response to which is set to expire on February 8, 2004, with a two-month extension fee filed herewith. Please amend the above-referenced application as follows: